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## **POLICE SEARCHING FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT**

RIVERSIDE, CA – Yesterday morning at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019, the City of Riverside's Public Safety Communications Center received a call of a sexual assault that just occurred near the dead end of the 5000 block of Tequesquite Avenue in Riverside. Officers quickly responded and contacted an adult female victim who reported she was sitting in her vehicle when the suspect approached and committed the sexual assault. He then fled on foot toward the Santa Ana River bottom area.

Officers conducted an extensive search for the suspect with the assistance from a Riverside County Sheriff's Department K-9 bloodhound and handler, but he was not located. Detectives from the Sexual Assault – Child Abuse Unit (SACA) responded to assume the investigation, and a sketch artist was later called in to help create a suspect rendering.



The suspect was described as a White or light-skinned Hispanic male adult in his 30's, approximately 5'10" tall and about 170 pounds, last seen wearing a dark "hoodie" type sweatshirt and dark pants.

This investigation is still ongoing and no other details are available at this time, but detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying this suspect. Anyone with information is urged to contact SACA Detective Everth Bercian at (951) 353-7950 or [ebercian@riversideca.gov](mailto:ebercian@riversideca.gov). Those wishing to remain anonymous can email [rpdtips@riversideca.gov](mailto:rpdtips@riversideca.gov) or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number 190005077.

